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Of his EXCELLENCY

Samuel Ogle, Esq;

Governor of MARYLAND,

TO THE

*Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,*

Upon the First Day of May, 1739.

*Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,*

I PRESUME none of you can be ignorant of the Necessity I was under of Dissolving the last Assembly; The Misunderstanding betwixt the Two Houses, having not only put an entire Stop to all Business, but even to the least Intercourse of Messages, the only Means of Accommodating the Affair without the Interposition of the Government.

The ill Effects of Heats and Animosities between the several Parts of the Legislature, have been so plainly manifested on this Occasion, that I flatter myself we are now Met together with a full Resolution to avoid them as much as possible.

For my own Part, I can very truly assure you, that no Man is come to this Assembly more sincerely desirous of the Welfare of the Province than Myself, or more willing to give a helping Hand to the Removal of every Obstacle to it's Happiness and Prosperity: But then it must be allowed, that Temper and Moderation will be always necessary, to consider rightly of such Things as may come before us, the wisest Assemblies being liable to be Misled by the too great Warmth even of honest and well-meaning Men, as well as by the artful Practices of such as know how to cover their own private and self-interested Views with the specious appearance of Zeal for the Public Good.

It is well known what Pains I took some time ago to continue the Bill for the Payment of his Lordship's Rents and Alienation Fines by a Duty on Tobacco, as likewise to make our Paper Money Pass in Payment of the 40 *per* Poll, and Officers Fees, at the rate of Ten Shillings *per* Hundred, and with what Warmth and Zeal these Points were opposed by many Gentlemen, who then thought they were doing their Country great Service.